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SOLDIER KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT IDENTIFIED

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. (NETCOM/9th SC (A)) – An 86th Signal Battalion Soldier killed Monday in an auto accident near Dulce, N.M. has been identified. Cpl. Roschel Charmaine Rivard, 23 years old, died in a single vehicle rollover accident approximately 40 miles from Dulce.

According to Jicarilla Apache Police Dept. spokesperson, Rivard was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident. The responding officer reported there was not any outward indication of alcohol involved. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Rivard joined the Army in October 2002, as a cable installer, and recently returned from a 15-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Rivard had come to the end of her enlistment and was on transition leave when the accident occurred.

86th Signal Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Frank Gonzales, said the unit is deeply saddened by this tragic accident. “Cpl. Rivard served our nation with honor and distinction, and was an outstanding Soldier. She touched many lives during her time with the 86th Signal Battalion. She will be greatly missed.”